Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Ypsilanti, MI
May 25, 2025 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Worship Key
P: Pastor
A: Assisting Ministers
C: Congregation

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: God calls us to this place, a haven for healing and hope.
C: We come, with the pain of our burdens,
we come to hear God's Word of hope for us.
P: Together, we will sing songs of joy; each of us will hear God whisper our name,
'Beloved of my heart.'
C: We join our voices in prayer and praise; we sing of our longing for new lives.
P: Here, our shadowed corners are filled with Light;
here we discover that God dwells in us.
C: And not just us, for God would teach all to love;
God's Spirit would lead all peoples in peace.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

P: In the name of ✠ the One who was, who is, and who is to come.
C: Amen.

P: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life,
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

P: Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,
C: make us one as you are one.

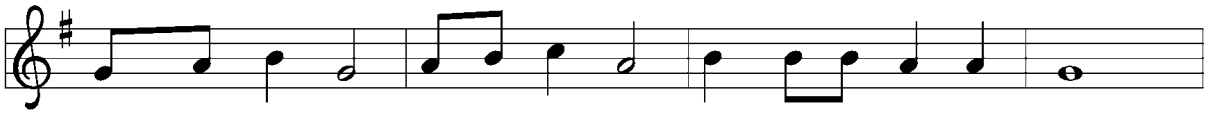
P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,
C: make us one as you are one.

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,
C: make us one as you are one.

P: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.
C: Amen.

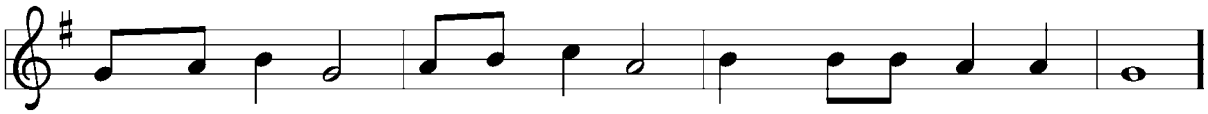
GATHERING HYMN ELW 401

"Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading"



Njo - o kwe - tu, Ro - ho mwe - ma, M - fa - ri - ji we - tu.

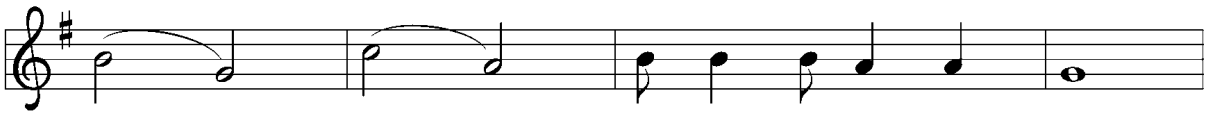
1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing, fash - ion us all a - new.
2 Come to teach us, come to nour - ish those who be - lieve in Christ.
3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing done in your ho - ly name.



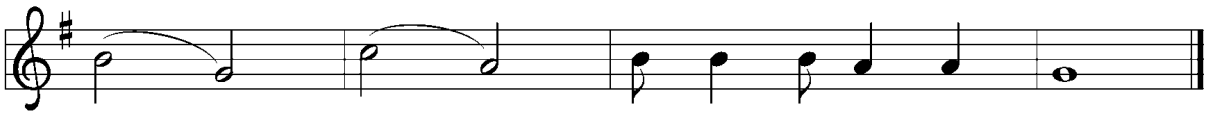
Tu - fu - ndi - she ya mbi - ngu - ni, tu - we wa - tu wa - pya.

It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.
Bless the faith - ful, may they flour - ish, strength-ened by grace un - priced.
Mo - ti - vate all in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.

Refrain



Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.



Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment,
nor rootless liberty;
turn disquiet to contentment,
doubt into certainty. *Refrain*

5 Keep us fervent in our witness,
unswayed by earth's allure.
Ever grant us zealous fitness,
which you alone assure. *Refrain*

Text: Wilson Niwagila; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922
Music: NJOOKWETU, ROHO MWEMA, Wilson Niwagila
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GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

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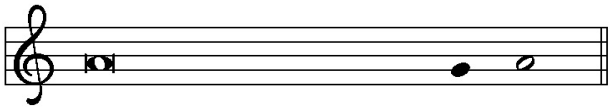
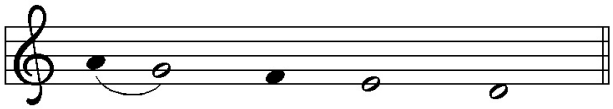
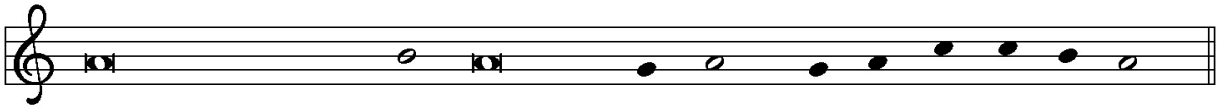


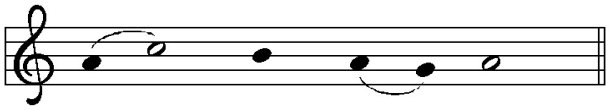
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



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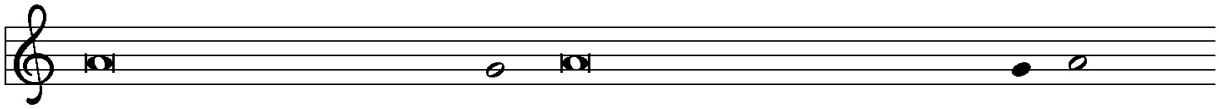
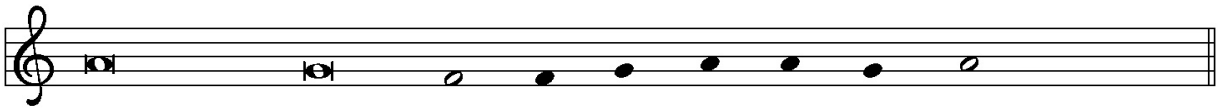
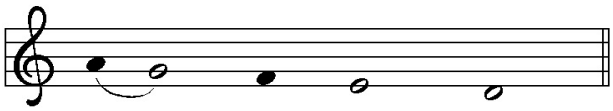


For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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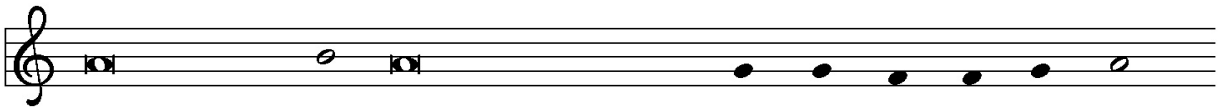
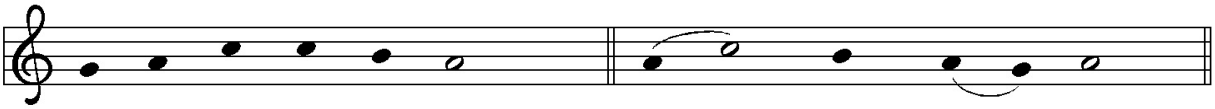
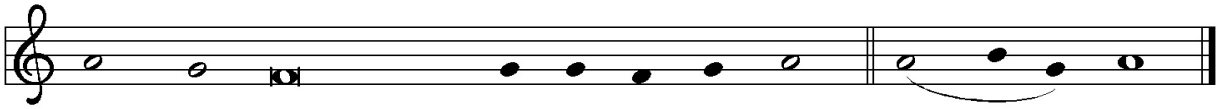


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,

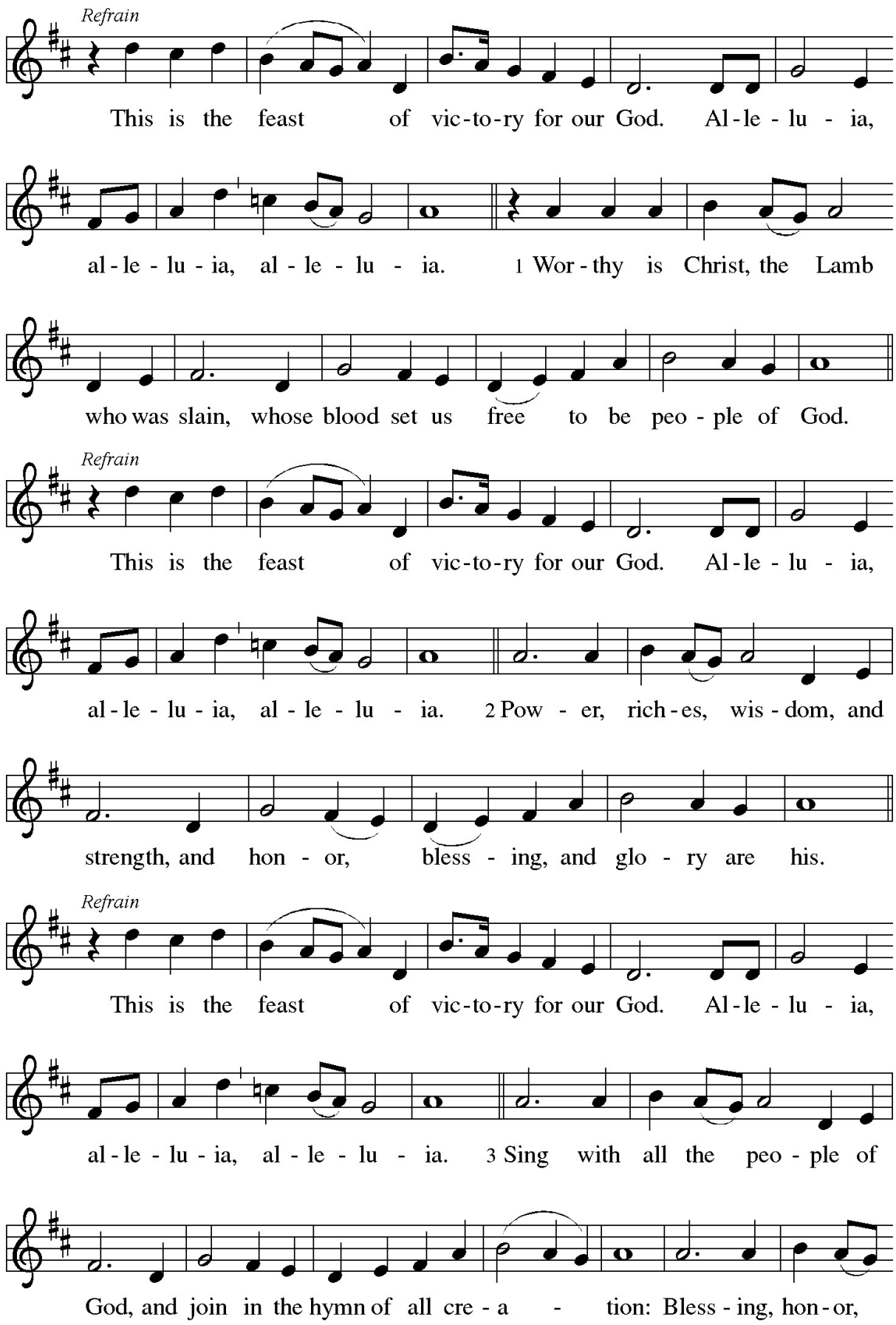


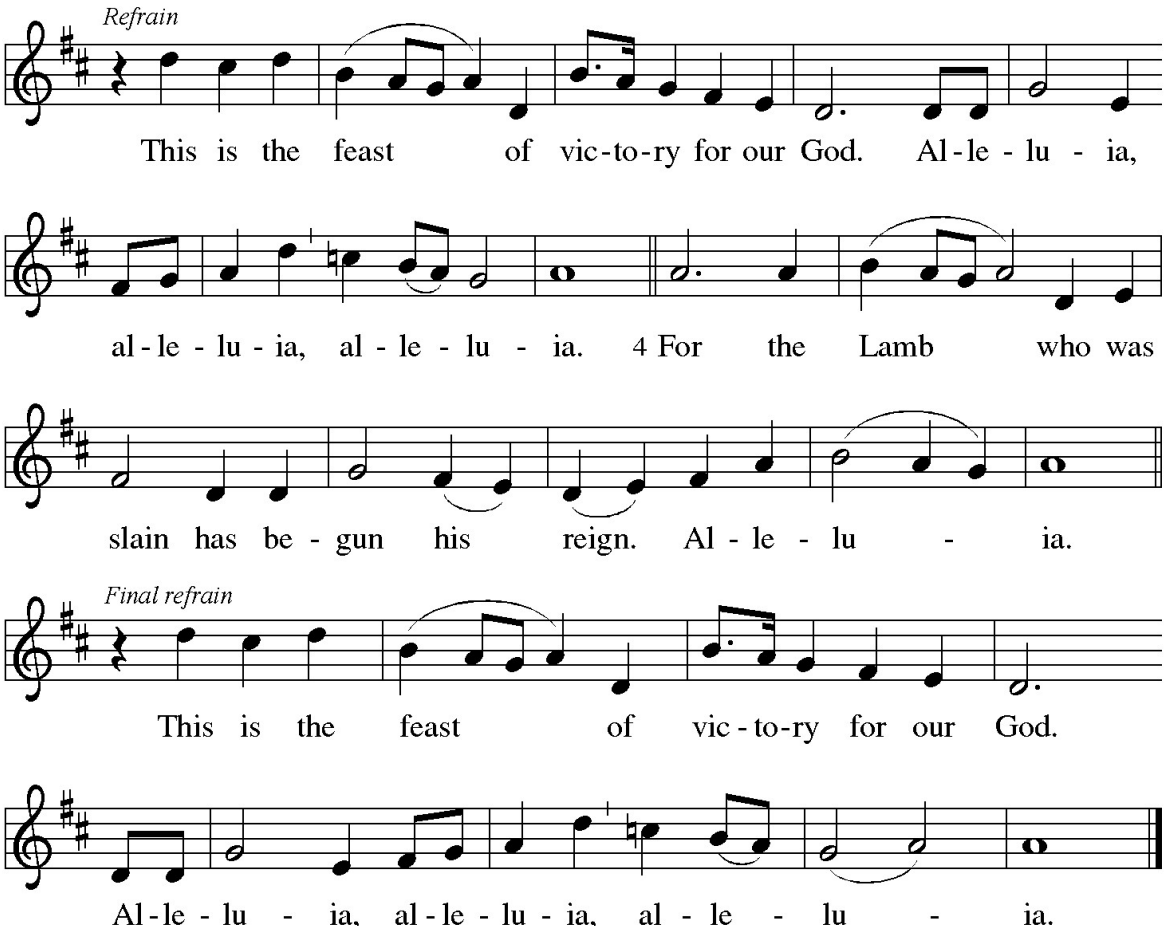
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. **A - men.**

HYMN OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

C: Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Acts 16:9-15

A vision compels Paul to move his ministry into Greece. There he meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart has been opened by God to receive the gospel. Her conversion and baptism provide the impetus for the founding of the church at Philippi.

A: A reading from Acts.

9 During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading
with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." 10 When he had seen
the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that
God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

11 We therefore set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace,
the following day to Neapolis, 12 and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city
of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for
some days. 13 On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we
supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women
who had gathered there. 14 A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was
listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The
Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. 15 When she and
her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be
faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

A: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 67

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy. (Ps. 67:4)

P: 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.
C: 2 Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.
P: 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

C: [4] Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.
P: [5] Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
C: [6] The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.
P: [7] May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:10, 22- 22:5

John's vision of a new Jerusalem coming out of heaven provides continuity with God's past actions. Yet in this new city, God's presence replaces the temple, and the glory of God and the Lamb supplants sun and moon.

A: A reading from Revelation.

[10] And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

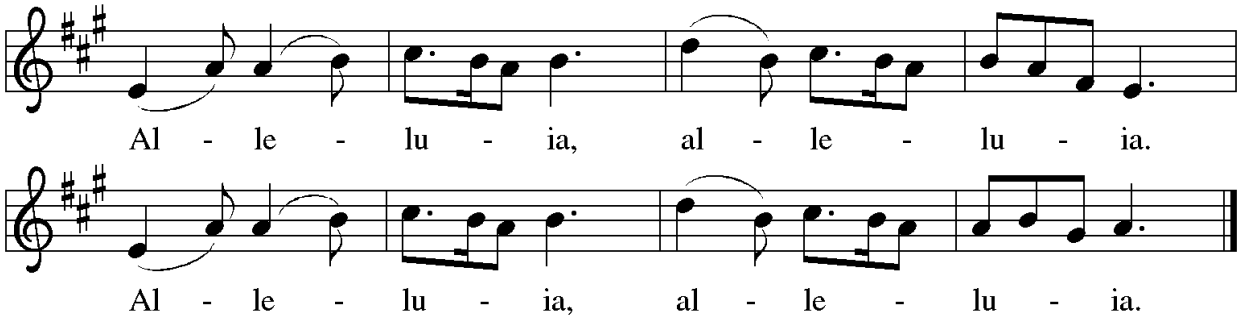
[22] I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. [23] And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. [24] The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. [25] Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. [26] People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. [27] But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

[22:1] Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb [2] through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. [3] Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; [4] they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. [5] And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

A: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



GOSPEL: John 14:23-29

As Jesus talks of returning to the Father, he promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will teach Jesus' followers and remind them of all that Jesus taught. Even more, those in whom God makes a home will experience a peace that overcomes fear.

P: The Gospel according to John.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

23 Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot)], "Those who love me will keep my word, and
my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with
them. 24 Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you
hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me.
25 "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. 26 But the Advocate,
the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything
and remind you of all that I have said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I
give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be
troubled, and do not let them be afraid. 28 You heard me say to you, 'I am going
away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going
to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. 29 And now I have told you this
before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME — Rev. Joshua Rinas

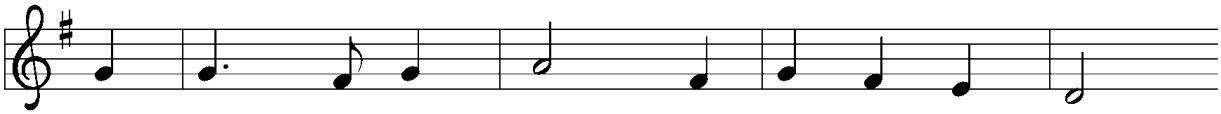
A special message for children.

SERMON — Rev. Joshua Rinas

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY — ELW 405

"O Spirit of Life"



1 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God,
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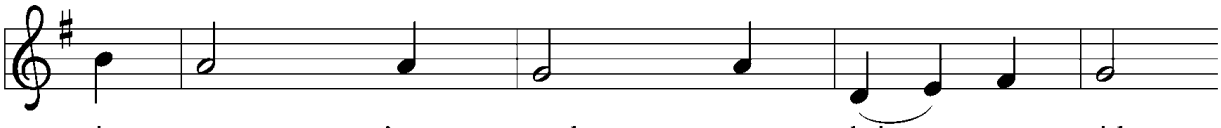
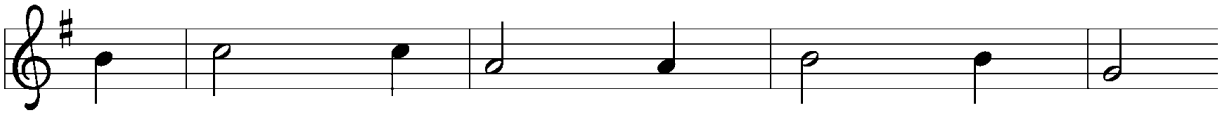
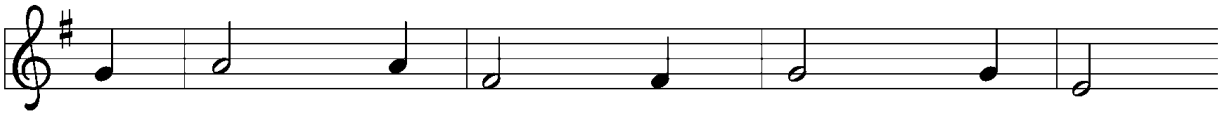


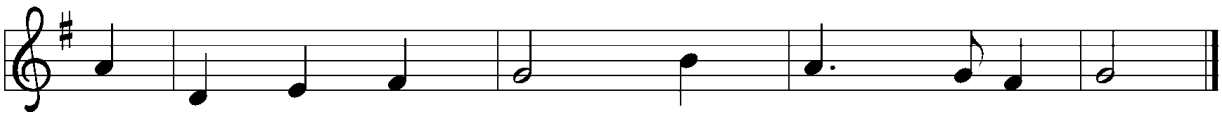
in ev - 'ry need you bring us aid,
in - crease our faith in our dear Lord;
make us to love your sa - cred word;
en - light - en us by that same word;



pro - ceed - ing forth from heav - en's throne,
un - less your grace the pow'r should give,
the ho - ly flame of love im - part,
teach us to know God's ra - diant love,



from God, the Fa - ther and the Son;
none can be - lieve in Christ and live;
that char - i - ty may warm each heart;
lead us to Christ who reigns a - bove;



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Text: Johann Niedling, 1602–1668; tr. John C. Mattes, 1876–1948, alt.
Music: O HELIGER GEIST, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Köln*, 1623

APOSTLES' CREED

A: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A: Unite your people with communities of faith throughout the world. Further cooperation between people of different faith traditions and bless our non-Christian neighbors, that we learn and grow in deeper relationship. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Bless the earth with fresh water, clean air, and rich soil. Nurture growing crops and encourage communities developing sustainable farming practices. Help us to live in balance and harmony with your good creation. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Reconcile nations and communities suffering from violence and conflict. Protect refugees, asylum-seekers, and all who flee their homes seeking safety and security. Make all nations safe for both migrants and residents. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Sustain all who are in need, especially individuals and families struggling with trauma or addiction. Support caregivers, especially nurses, doctors, counselors, and social workers. Come alongside all who are ill or struggling especially John, Mary, Vicki, Ruth, Steve, Marilynn, Barb, Krista, Dawn, Gary, the friends and family of Don. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: This Memorial Day weekend, we remember all who have died in military service. Soothe loved ones who mourn, and strengthen support systems for veterans and their families. Bring peace among nations, that war and conflict around the world might cease. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: For what else does this congregation pray? Prayers may be said aloud, typed into the live chat box, or silently in your hearts…

Brief Pause for the congregation to respond.

A: We give you thanks for all your saints raised to new life in Christ. Gather us, with them, into the peace only you can give. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

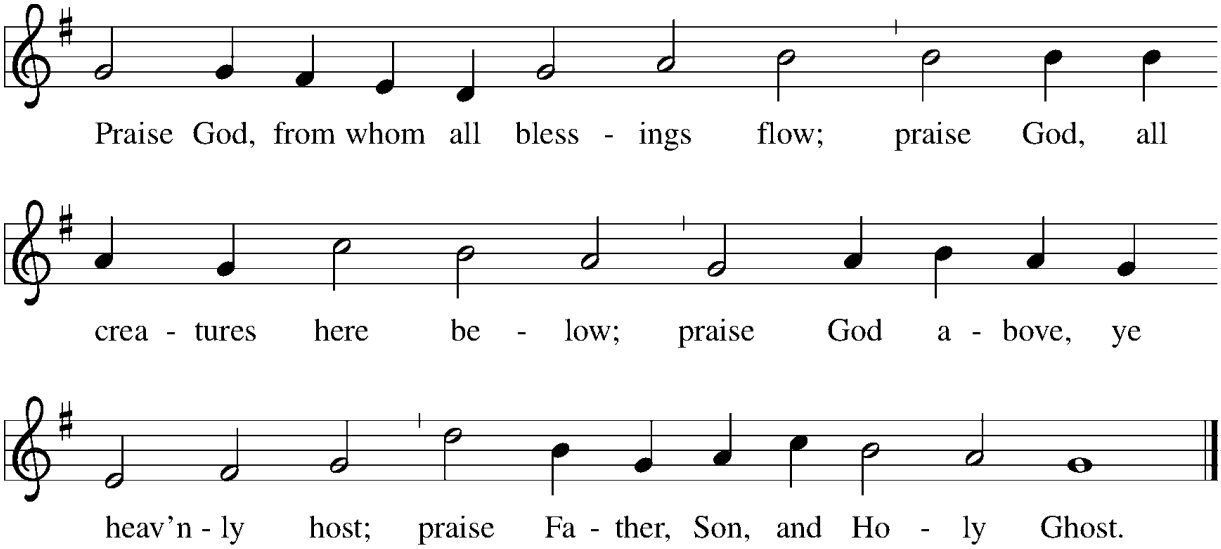
C: And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN – *"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"*



OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray,

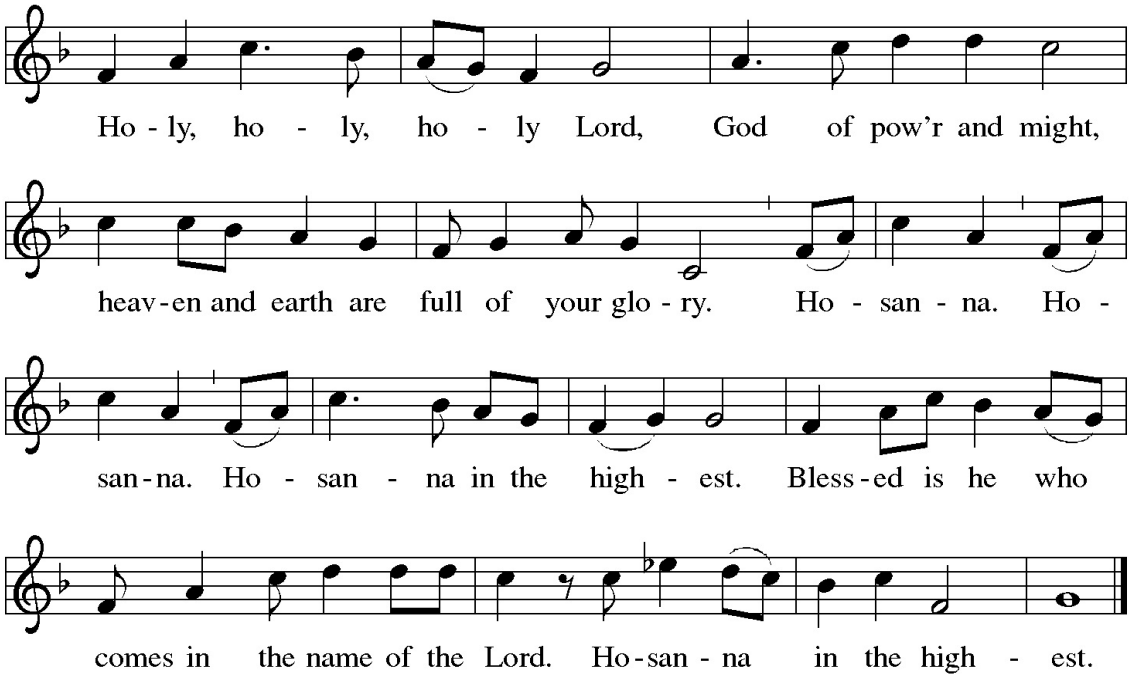
C: Risen One,
you have gathered us around your table of grace
along with these gifts we bring.
Come among us again,
breathe your life into us,
and enliven us with this meal,
that we may live as your risen body in the world.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.
C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.
Come, Holy Spirit.

P: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.
C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

The presiding minister may introduce the Lord's Prayer.

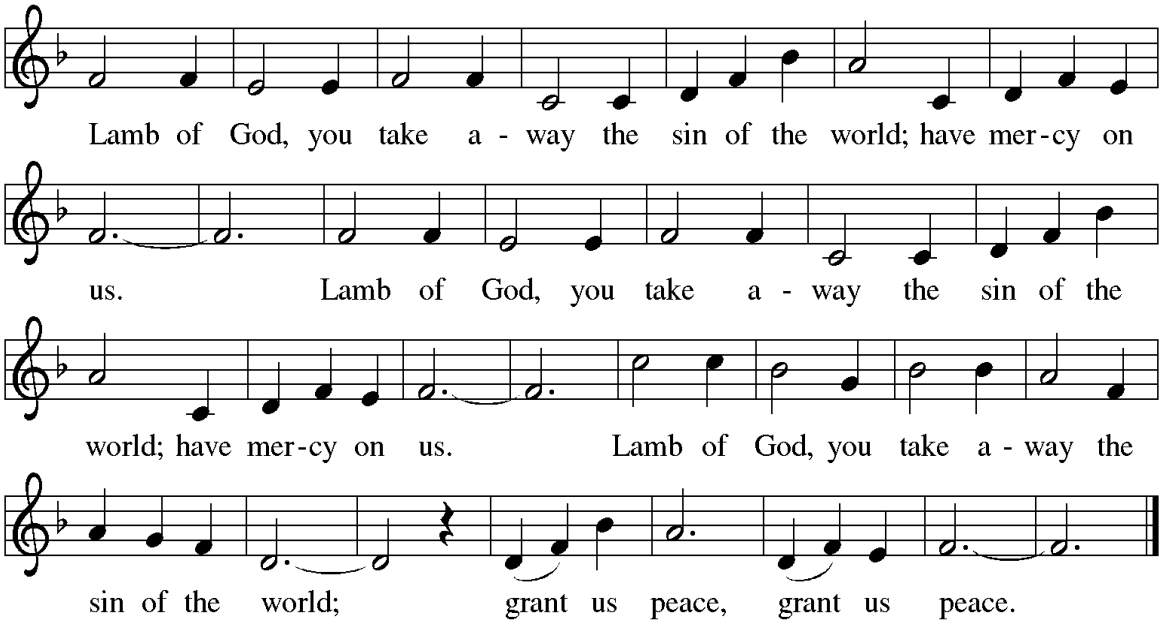
P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

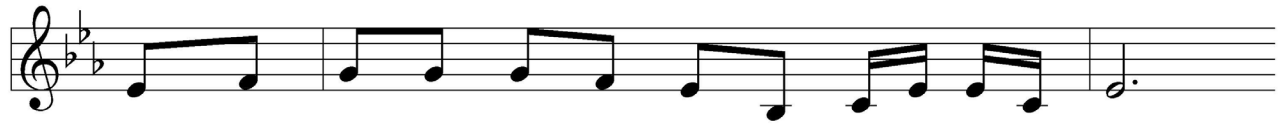
P. Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN - *"When the Storms of Life are Raging"*



1 When the storms of life are rag - ing, stand by me;
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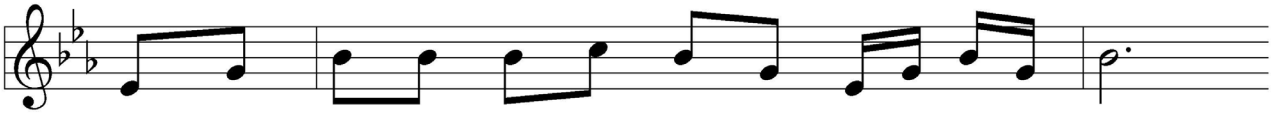
3 In the midst of faults and fail - ures, stand by me;
4 In the midst of per - se - cu - tion, stand by me;



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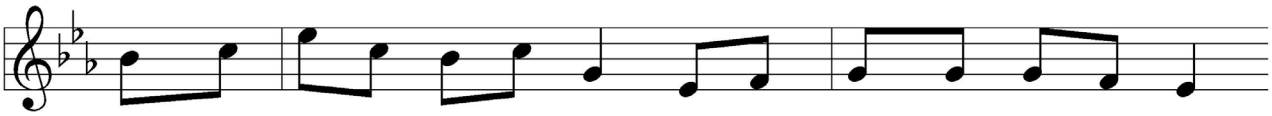
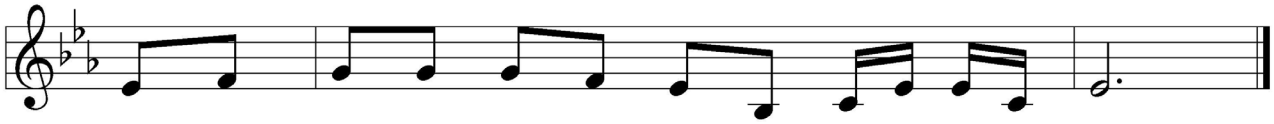


when the world is toss - ing me like a ship up - on the sea;
when the hosts of hell as - sail, and my strength be - gins to fail,
when I do the best I can, and my friends mis - un - der - stand,
when my foes in battle ar - ray un - der - take to stop my way,



thou who rul - est wind and wa - ter, stand by me.
thou who nev - er lost a bat - tle, stand by me.
thou who know - est all a - bout me, stand by me.
O thou Lil - y of the Val - ley, stand by me.

Text: Charles A. Tindley, 1851–1933
Music: STAND BY ME, Charles A. Tindley, 1851–1933

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in eternal life.
C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.
C: Living One,
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.
Send us now to tell of your wonders,
sing of your glory,
and proclaim your risen life
to a wounded and weary world.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

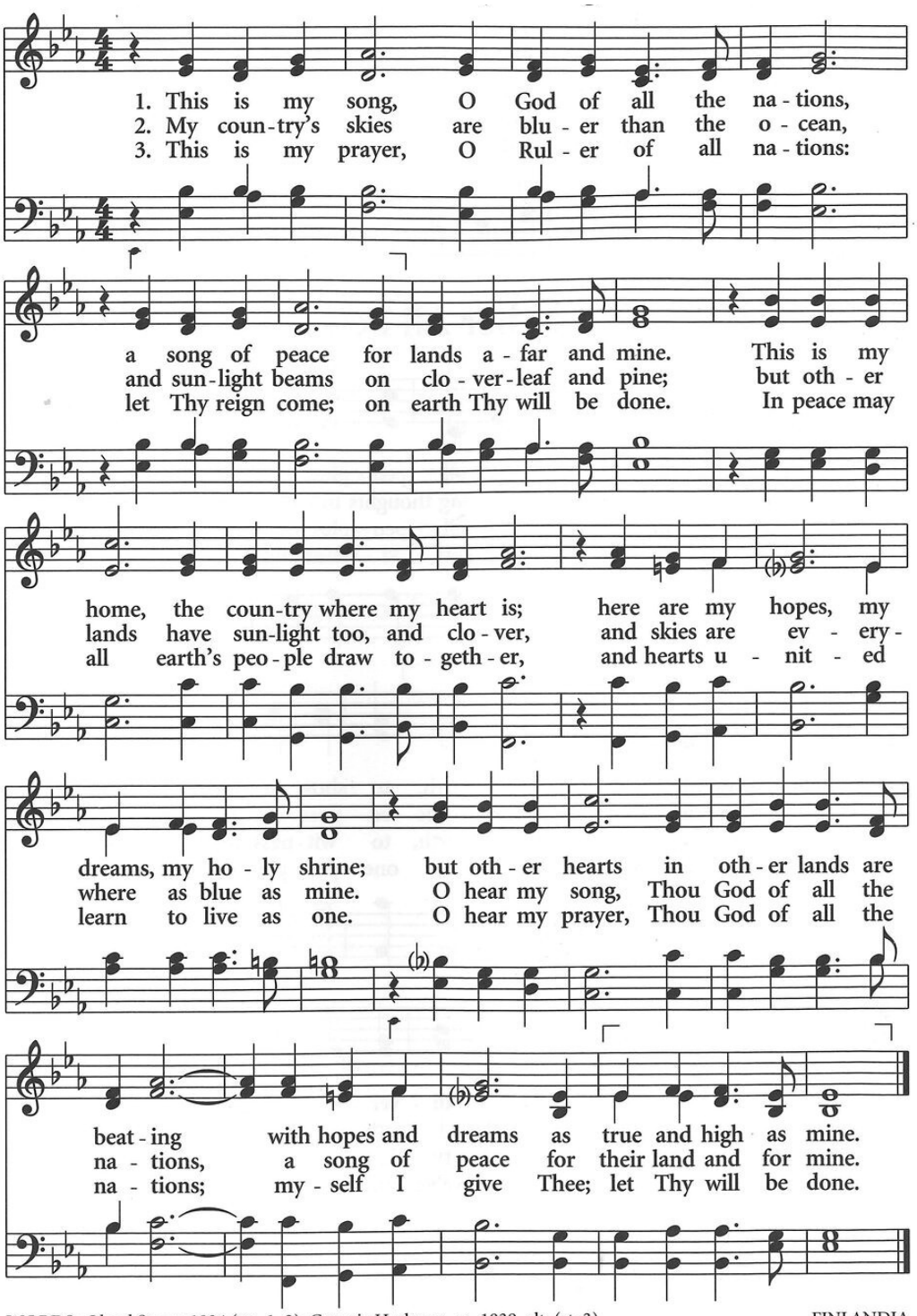
SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P: The triune God,
who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection dawn,
now and always.
C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN - *"This is My Song"*



WORDS: Lloyd Stone, 1934 (sts. 1, 2); Georgia Harkness, ca. 1939, alt. (st. 3) FINLANDIA
MUSIC: Jean Sibelius, 1899 11.10.11.10.11.10

DISMISSAL

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

A: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! If this is your first time with us, please add your name and information to our Guest book located in the Narthex (Lobby), we would love to connect with you.

*Hearing assistance devices and cushions are available in the back pew. Please help yourself!
*Children's bulletins available, please see an usher.
*Printed copies of the Newsletter are in the magazine holder in the Narthex.
**Christ in Our Home* devotionals (April - June) can be found in the Narthex.
*Hand Sanitizers can be found in the Narthex and hanging at the end of the pews.

Please remember to wear your Name Tag

It's a help for visitors and folks you may not have seen for a while. If you need a new Name tag, please let Jennifer know.

Children's Music Time

Today is the last Sunday for Children's Music Time. There will not be Children's Music time this summer. We hope you enjoy your summer!

Emmanuel Directory

We would like to do an updated directory for our Emmanuel Families. There will be papers in the Narthex for you to fill out with any changes to your family information for the directory, or you can email the church office. **We will not be taking any changes after June 1st, so please get your information in to the office at your earliest convenience!**

Food Pantry 101

Food Pantry 101 is a talk led by Karen Facer on the ins and outs of Emmanuel's Food Pantry: the who, what, where, when, why and how of Food Pantries. Come to the lounge at 11:30 on Sunday June 8. Find out about Food Gatherers guidelines and about Food Gatherers deficit budget for the coming fiscal year.

2025 Altar Flower Sign-up

The 2025 Altar flower sign-up has been put up on the bulletin board outside the office. **Please sign-up for your date and turn in the form and monies in the offering plate or office mailbox.** Thank you!

History in Maps:
The Graeco-Roman World, and the Development of Christianity, from Alexander to Constantine.

Schedule for eleven 45-minute presentations, using the Lounge, and the computer projection equipment. Class will start June 29th at 11:30 AM, following church services, in the lounge.

There will be occasional printed and digital handouts.

Ways to Give: Giving can be done online by clicking here. Or mail checks to: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 201 N. River St., Ypsilanti, MI 48198.

Paypal: Select payment type "Friends and Family" using emmanuelypsi@gmail.com. Please indicate account (general fund, flowers, memorials, etc.) where it says add message.
Mobile App: Download the Vanco Payments Mobile app for free from Google Play. In the app, select your fund and amount, enter a payment method and complete the donation.

Assisting Ministers Needed!
Sign up on the sheet outside the office or call the office; Or through sign-up genius. Assisting Ministers - Click here or Scan QR code

This Week at Emmanuel

Sunday, May 25 - Easter 6

- Handbell Choir 8:45am
- **Worship 10:00am**
- Coffee Hour 11:00am – 12:00pm

Monday, May 26 – Memorial Day – Office Closed

Tuesday, May 27 – Office Closed (Jennifer Off)

- Reach for the Stars Exercise Class 10:30am
- Food Gatherers delivery
- Transition Team Meeting 5:30pm

Wednesday, May 28

- Clothes Closet 9:00am – 10:30am
- **Bible Study Class 12:30pm – 2:00pm**
- Food Pantry 3:00pm – 5:00pm
- AA Meeting 8:00pm – 9:00pm

Thursday, May 29

- Reach for the Stars Exercise Class 9:30am
- Refresh Committee 10:30am – 12:30pm

Friday, May 30

- NA Meeting 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Saturday, May 31

- Memorial Service for Don Farquharson 10:00am

Sunday, June 1 - Easter 7

- Handbell Choir 8:45am
- Chancel Choir 9:30am
- **Worship 10:00am**
- **Birthday Coffee Hour 11:00am – 12:00pm**
- Scouts 6:00pm

The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God; and in honor of Matt Schaefer and Victoria Killgore; and in memory of Stephanie Kuzniak and Karen Kline.
Given by Kathleen Schaefer

For those with young children: Emmanuel's "Pray-Ground," located at the front of the church, was established as a positive, welcoming experience for children in church. Many churches have begun using this feature, which gives small children a space to squirm, quietly play with soft toys, books, and do arts and crafts. Parents may want to sit nearby to accompany children, but don't worry about noise—worship leaders have microphones! We encourage everyone with little ones to give this a try.

Prayers requested for: John, Mary, Vicki, Ruth, Steve, Marilynn, Barb, Krista, Dawn, Gary, the friends and family of Don.

Links:
Livestream Worship - https://www.youtube.com/@emmanuelypsi
Giving Online - Online donation
Clothes Closet - ClothesCloset@emmanuelypsi.org
Food Pantry - FoodPantry@emmanuelypsi.org

Serving in Worship:
Interim Pastor..... *Rev. Joshua Rinas*
Minister of Worship Music..... *David Meitzler*
Minister of Choral Conducting..... *Jamie Gallupe*
Assisting Minister..... *Monica Doerr*

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